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MR. JINNO,
LIKE YOU SAID...

I ABSOLUTELY
MUSTN'T LET
THAT CHANCE
GO TO WASTE.

IF I WAIT
PATIENTLY,
A CHANCE
WILL PRESENT
ITSELF.

THE ACADEMIC
SINGING FROM
A STAR STUDENT
HAS NO APPEAL
AT ALL.

ALL YOU
HAVE TO SELL
YOURSELF
WITH ARE
YOUR LOOKS.
THAT YOU
RECEIVED WITH
NO EFFORT.

HER SINGING
WOULD ONLY
BE PRAISED AT
A COMPETITION.
NOT IN THE
REAL WORLD.



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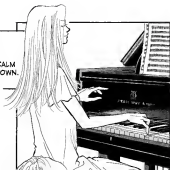




CALM
DOWN.

YOU'LL BE FINE.
FOCUS ON
IKENOHATA'S
PIANO.

Unforgettable
that



you are...

MY JOB
IS TO SING
FOR THE
CUSTOMERS.

DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT
AND RELAX...

JUST SING
LIKE YOU
ALWAYS DO.

WHAT'S BETWEEN
THIS WOMAN
AND ME,
HAS NOTHING
TO DO
WITH THEM.





Unforgettable, though
near or far

Like the song of love that clings to me Now the thought of

Unforgettable, I'm ev

way

Unforgettable, that's how you'll stay

incredible

That's why darling



WHAT?

THIS
FEELING...

so unforgettable thinks that I'm
unforgettable

That some

I CAN
PROJECT
MY VOICE SO
COMFORTABLY.

SINGING
WITH HER IS
SO EASY.

Unforgettable in every way

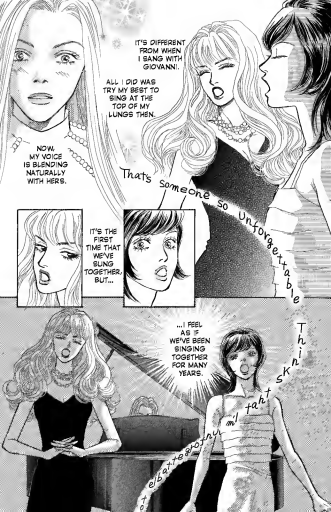
WAS I
EVER THIS
GOOD?

IT DOESN'T
EVEN SOUND
LIKE MY
OWN VOICE.

that's how you'll stay

And forever more that's why darling it's incredible





IT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHEN I SANG WITH GIOVANNI.

ALL I DID WAS TRY MY BEST TO SING AT THE TOP OF MY LUNGS THEN.

NOVA
MY VOICE IS BLENDING NATURALLY WITH HERS.

That's someone so unforgettable

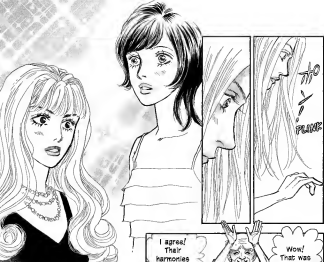
IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT WE'VE SUNG TOGETHER, BUT...

...I FEEL AS IF WE'VE BEEN SINGING TOGETHER FOR MANY YEARS.

Thin skin

fat

elbow







HER BEAUTIFUL,
FLOWING VOICE...

...GIVES MOE'S
EXPRESSIVE
POWER MORE
IMPACT.

MOE'S SLIGHTLY
UNSTABLE SINGING
AS SHE'S SWEEP
AWAY BY HER
EMOTIONS...

...IS FIRMLY
SUPPORTED BY
SHIO'S SINGING.

MORE THAN ANYTHING,
WHAT'S MOST
APPEALING IS THE
MYSTERIOUSLY
BEAUTIFUL AND
SWEETLY PAINFUL
HARMONY WHEN
THEIR VOICES
OVERLAP.

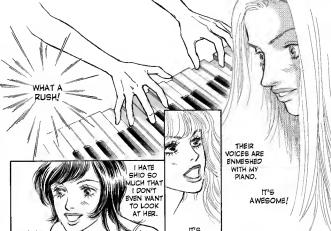
THEY COMPENSATE
FOR EACH OTHER'S
WEAKNESSES...

...AND ENHANCE
EACH OTHER'S
STRENGTHS.

THESE TWO
TOGETHER BECOME
THE DYNA THAT
I HAVE BEEN
SEARCHING FOR
ALL THIS TIME!

THESE TWO
WOMEN, WHO ARE
SO DIFFERENT IN
PERSONALITY AND
EVERYTHING ELSE...

...ARE PERFORMING
BEAUTIFULLY, A
MIRACLE RIGHT
IN FRONT OF
MY EYES.



WHAT A
RUSH!



I HATE
SHIO SO
MUCH THAT
I DON'T
EVEN WANT
TO LOOK
AT HER.

I EVEN
THOUGHT
THAT I
WANTED TO
KILL HER.



IT'S
STRANGE.
WHY?

THEIR
VOICES ARE
ENMESHED
WITH MY
PIANO.

IT'S
AWESOME!



...AND TOWARDS
THE END,
ATTACK WITH
A DRAMATIC
TENUTO.

THAT'S RIGHT.
I'LL KEEP UP
AS LONG AS
MY VOICE
HOLDS OUT.



THAT
PART IS
LEGATO.

THE
STACCATOS,
AIRY AND
PLEASANT...

I KNOW
HOW I WANT
TO SING!



It's the first
time they've
sung together.
What's more,
they never even
had a chance
to rehearse.

I can't
believe
it.

I feel like
I'm in
a concert
hall...

Unbe-
lievable
...



IT FEELS
GREAT!

THIS IS
AMAZING!



YES...

THIS IS HOW
I'VE WANTED
TO SING!



I really dislike people with mean and vile characters.

I feel the same way.

I know.

I have never met anyone as two-faced as you.

I'll be clear. I hate you, Shio.

Just looking at you makes me feel bad. I wish you'd disappear.



My visions are expanding, and my head's been flooded with musical notes ever since.

...it's true that you both But...

felt the most intense when you sang together.

Even I was thrilled while accompanying you guys.

NOT ME OR HER,
BUT BOTH OF
OUR VOICES
IN HARMONY...



THAT
VOICE...

I want
that
voice..



I want
you
Swo...
...to
sing my
songs.



I CAN STILL
FEEL THE
SENSATIONS.

THE THINGS
THAT I LACK
WERE MADE
UP FOR.

MY PERSONALITY
WAS DRAWN OUT
BY THAT SENSE
OF FULFILLMENT.

THE FREEDOM
OF SINGING
ALONE AND...

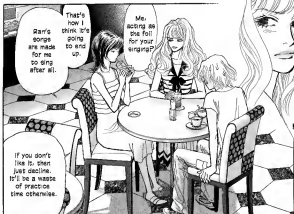
...THE PLEASANT
FEELING OF
BLENDING
OUR VOICES.

I wouldn't
want to do it
with someone
who's unskilled.
Shio perfectly
fits the role
of the foil for
my singing.

I want
to sing
your
songs.

I'll
do it.





Ran's songs are made for me to sing after all.

That's how I think it's going to end up.

Me, acting as the foil for your singing?

If you don't like it, then just decline. It'll be a waste of practice time otherwise.

4
!!
HMPH



If that's all right with you, then I would like to sing your songs.

...It'll probably be some time this year.

...plan to study abroad. I haven't decided on the date yet, but...

...

IDIOT.

IS IT BECAUSE
OF MEP
WHAT DO
I PLAN TO DO
BY ASKING?

Where?

I
haven't
decided
yet.

Oh, right!
There's one
thing I want
to tell you
two first.

Then, I see,
I'll be
counting
on you
until
then.

That's...

I'm going
to call a
taxi over
there, so...

Ah!
Wait a
sec!

Well, I'll
be leaving.
Good night.

So don't
depend on
me for help
if you guys
end up
getting
into one.

I don't
have the
guts to
settle
fights
between
women.





SHIO'S
BEAUTIFUL...





I...
...believe
in my own
potential.

...I don't
want to
become
Moe's foil.

I still don't
have the
confidence,
but...



I MEAN...

WHAT'S
GOING
ON?!



WHAT'S
WITH
THAT...

...SERENE
LOOK ON
HER FACE?



I'll
see
you
tomor-
row.

Good
night!

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SHE'S
RUNNING
TOWARDS HER
OWN PATH.

I DON'T
HAVE THE
RIGHT TO
STOP HER.



IT'S WAS ONLY
YESTERDAY.

THAT
LOOK...

I FEEL LIKE AN
IDOT FOR BEING
SO WORRIED
ABOUT HER.

SHE
DOESN'T
NEED MY
HELP...

...BUT NEEDS
MY MUSIC?



STUDY
ABROAD,
HUH.



IT'S HARD TO
IMAGINE THAT
SHE EVER
HAD ROMANTIC
FEELINGS
TOWARDS ME.

She's even
happier than
before...



IF WE HAD
CREATED MUSIC
TOGETHER...
EARLIER...

IF I HAD
KNOWN
ABOUT IT
SOONER...

I'VE FINALLY
FOUND MY
DIVAS.

...I WONDER
IF SHE STILL
WOULDN'T
CONSIDERED
STUDYING ABROAD.





Though he's virtually the president now, with this marriage it might be a good time for him to officially become president.

But if it's you, Miss Shio, I'm sure everyone would agree with the choice.

The identity of the vice president's bride-to-be has been a hot topic within the company.



Oh, my. I'm getting a bit ahead of myself!

Your child will definitely be beautiful and talented.

I look forward to seeing the child you'll have with the vice president!



A CHILD WITH MR. JINNO

CHILDREN...

HIS RELATIVES WILL BECOME MY RELATIVES.

BUT THAT'S WHAT GETTING MARRIED MEANS...

I CAN'T IMAGINE IT.

I'LL CREATE A FAMILY WITH HIM AND BE KNOWN AS SHIO JINNO.





I'LL BE
MARRYING
THIS MAN...



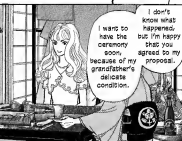
Welcome
back.

It's
fine.

Sorry to
keep you
waiting.
I had
to take
a few
calls.



He's the founder.
And he's also
the biggest
shareholder of
Queen Record.
...he
may not
last out
the year.



I want to
have the
ceremony
soon,
because of my
grandfather's
delicate
condition.

I don't
know what
happened,
but I'm happy
that you
agreed to my
proposal.



Let's
eat.



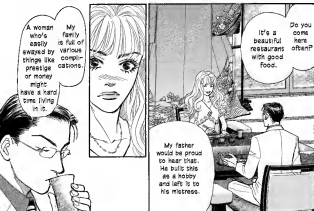
No.



Do you
want to
study
abroad
right
away?

For the
time
being,
let's get
engaged.
We'll
see how
things
turn out
after that.

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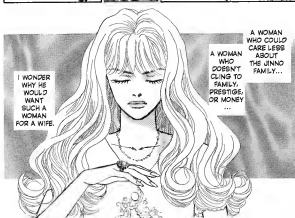


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GENKARUP

OH, MAN...
WHEN THERE
ARE DUAL
VOCALS...

...THERE'S A
SUDDEN CHANGE
IN THE MUSICAL
FORCE!



WHAT DO I DO?
THIS IS SO
AWESOME!

AM I A
GENIUS OR
WHAT?



I had
a dream
of being
cast
aside by
a piano!

This
place isn't
soundproof,
you know.

Earth
to Ran!
Come back!
You won't
be able to
return if you
don't eat
or sleep!

Ahhh!
Hey, you!
You're being
possessed
by the
god of
composing!



Geez!
I feel like
I'll drown in
all the notes
flooding my
head.

Good
for you.
You were
able to
meet your
diva.



Huh?
It's
already
2!

One's
basic
foundation
is to eat
and sleep!
We have perform-
ances
tonight,
so get
some
sleep!

NOTES: Genkarup: Being quiet.

THE
WIND...



THE
CHIRPING
OF BIRDS?



THE SOUND
OF TENSION
IN THE AIR?



AHH...
NOW,
I GET IT.
YOU WANT
TO SING
THAT SONG.
DON'T YOU?

MY
DNAS...

...SING
LIKE THEY'RE
HAVING
FUN.





Here!
The song that I gave
Moe has been
I have transformed
into this!
absolute confidence
in it!

Whether asleep
or awake, my muse
lovingly told me...
Fix that!
Over
here it
should be
this way!
It was hell
I tell ya!



Oh, well.
That's how
my song
was
originally
anyway.

The downside
is that there
are parts in
it that an
amateur
wouldn't be
able to sing.

I put in
~~cat-disk~~
elements
for both
of you.

I know your
voices so
well, that
what I wrote
fits them
perfectly.



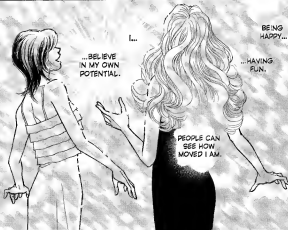
THE SCORE
FOR A STRING
QUARTET?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE CREATED
THIS IN HALF
A DAY.

IT'S WAY
BETTER THAN
BEFORE!

NOTES: Score - Musical notation where all the parts for the instruments are written out

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I WISH
I HAD A
KEYBOARD...

I'M ON LEAVE
FROM SCHOOL,
SO I CAN'T
PRACTICE THERE.

It's
Morita
from down-
stairs!

Moe!

KNOCK
KNOCK



HMM..
IT'S
HARD..

IT'S EVEN
HARDER
THAN BEFORE.







WHAT?

It's hard enough
just to
harmonize!

My part is the violin.
The other vocalist
is the viola.
And there's also
the piano.

They
all play
different
melodies,
right?
It's sort
of like
that.

Polyphonic
is un...
like the violin
and piano in
an orchestra.



It'd be easy if
the three of us
had a perfect
sense of timing,
but we don't.

Even if we had
a conductor,
it would still
be difficult to
match the
tempo perfectly.

Yeah.
I'm fine with
that part, but
the tempo is
supply different
for each person.



I know!
It's got
something
to do with
Mr. Jinno,
right?

Huh?
What's
with
that
smile?



I'm
even
the
recor-
dant.

Though
I work in
a record
company,
I don't
know
anything.

I guess
just having
a good
voice
isn't good
enough.



You're cute.
if I was
Mr. Jinno,
I'd immediately
have you make
your debut.

But
you're
really
good,
Moe!



I HAVE
TO DO
MY BEST.



He
promised
to meet me
and escort
me to the club.

I'll be
performing
one song
there.



I WAS
THE FIRST
ONE THAT
RAN CHOSE

I'M THE ONE
WHO IS MORE
SUITABLE FOR
HIS SONGS.



THIS
IS MY
SONG.



THE ONE WHO
CAN EXPRESS
THAT WORLD
IS ME.

THE
WORLD OF
MUSIC...

THE MOST
IMPORTANT
THING IS
THE HEART.



It's good
to be
passion-
ate,
but...







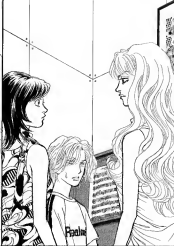
This is a place that requires both technique and expressive power.

I can't stand having the quality of it suffer due to your immaturity.



...please raise your level higher.

If you want to make me your foil...



I...
...like this song.



You feel the same way, don't you?
You even said that it was a song made for you.



If we're to do it at all, shouldn't we aim for the best we can do?



NOTES: *bel Canto*: a vocal style unique to opera

That's why
whatever
you sing
sounds
the same.
It has no
personality,
and it's
boring.

Your way
of singing is
exactly like
Sawako
Kihara's.
It makes
me sick.

It's a
song of
wandering
souls.
The
gaudiness
of Italian
opera
doesn't
suit it.



If you'd
let out that
oh so
grand
personality
of yours
and sing,
it'd be more
than enough.

There's
no point in
singing if
you don't
let your
real self
out.

Your voice
are different,
so why don't
you quit trying
to copy
your mom?



SHE GETS
HURT PRETTY
EASILY.

MOE SAID
THE WORDS
THAT EVEN
I COULDN'T SAY...

WHOA...



No,
thanks
for your
accom-
paniment.

I
under-
stand.
Thank
you.







I THOUGHT
IT WAS
NATURAL FOR
A MOTHER AND
DAUGHTER TO
BE SIMILAR TO
EACH OTHER.



*Your way
of singing is
exactly like
Sawako
Kikara's.*



THAT'S WHY
THE CHANSONS
AND JAZZ I
SING HERE WERE
TOO EASY.

FOR A LONG TIME,
I STRAINED
MYSELF TO SING
LIKE A SOPRANO.

I'VE GREW UP
LISTENING TO
MY MOTHER'S
RECORDS AND
WATCHING
HER VIDEOS.

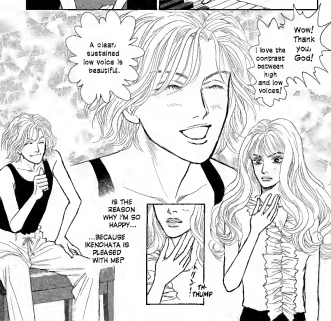
THEY
BORED ME.

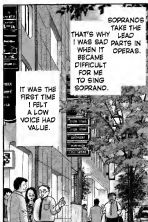
I USED TO THINK
THAT IT WOULD
BE BEST TO SING
LIKE MOTHER AND
BE PRAISED FOR IT.

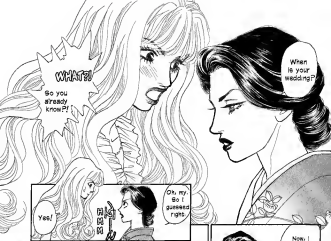
WAS IT WRONG
OF ME TO FEEL
THAT I WASN'T
TRULY SINGING
UNLESS I
WAS SINGING
AT THE TOP OF
MY LUNGS?



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WHAT?

So you already know?

When is your wedding?



Yes!

Oh, my. So I guessed right.



There are a lot of women in Ginza aiming for him.



A piece of advice.

If you want to avoid trouble, keep it a secret from everyone.



Now, I understand. So it's because you accepted his proposal.

There's how you're able to go steady broad.



WHY?

You didn't ask Mr. Jinno about it?







if you'd like to sample a variety of dishes, then I recommend ordering a set course.

Is it all right if I order the wine?



Yes.

Of course.

I FEEL LIKE A RICH YOUNG LADY TODAY.

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO BE ESCORTED BY A MAN LIKE THIS.



I'll have that please.

Ah yes.

I'll have a glass of cherry.

It's a cocktail composed of champagne and orange juice. It's popular among women.



I'm only familiar with the drinks we serve at the club.

So he was talking about alcohol.



UM... I HAVE TO ORDER SOMETHING THAT I KNOW...

ROGNONP CONFIT?



MR. JINNO IS SUCH A WONDERFUL MAN.

I WONDER IF THERE IS ANYTHING HE'S BAD AT.



What?!
Are you
sure?!

Hello,
everyone.

Hello,
Shio.

She
said she
was going
out with
him today.



She's always
showing how
much she
likes him,
and now
gets to
accompany
her idol.

Moe's
really
doing
great.

NOW,
NOW.

Noa! How
frustrating!
I was aiming
for Mr. Jinno!



*Everyone
knows it!*



About Moe
liking
Mr. Jinno...

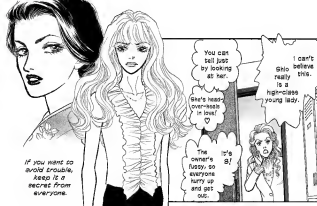
No...



How she's
aiming
for Mr.
Jinno?

Is
what
true?

Is...
...that
true?



*If you want to avoid trouble,
keep it a secret from everyone.*

You can tell just by looking at her.

She's head-over-heels in love! ♡

The owner's fuzzy, so everyone hurry up and get out.

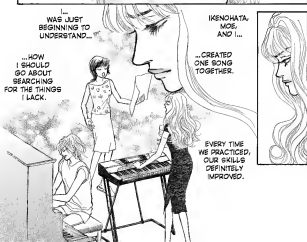
It's 8!

I can't believe this.
She really is a high-class young lady.



...LIKES MR. JINNO...

SO SHE...



I... WAS JUST BEGINNING TO UNDERSTAND...

...HOW I SHOULD GO ABOUT SEARCHING FOR THE THINGS I LACK.

IKENOHATA, MOE, AND I...

...CREATED ONE SONG TOGETHER.

EVERY TIME WE PRACTICED, OUR SKILLS DEFINITELY IMPROVED.



THE WORDS THAT
I NEVER WANTED
TO BE TOLD.



SINCE IT WAS
THE TRUTH,
THOSE WORDS
CUT TO THE
HEART AND
HURT ME
THE MOST.

*Your way
of singing is
exactly like
Sawako
Kikawa's.
It makes
me sick.*

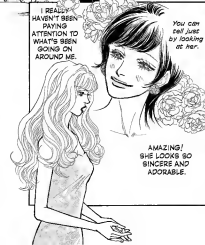
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TO HEAR
THE MOST.

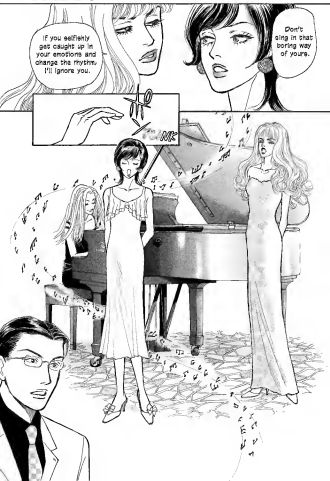
I WONDER WHAT
IKENOHATA
WOULD THINK
IF HE KNEW
THAT I WAS
MARRYING
MR. JINNO.







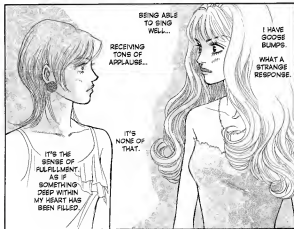
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BEING ABLE
TO SING
WELL...

RECEIVING
TONS OF
APPLAUSE...

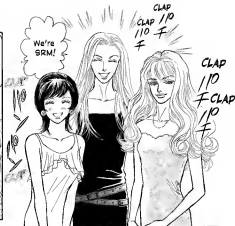
IT'S
NONE OF
THAT.

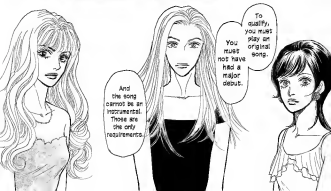
IT'S THE
SENSE OF
FULFILLMENT.
AS IF
SOMETHING
DEEP WITHIN
MY HEART HAS
BEEN FILLED.

I HAVE
GOOSE
BUMPS.

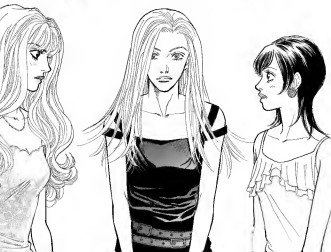
WHAT A
STRANGE
RESPONSE.

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FATHER!



IT'S TRUE...



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IT'S MY FIRST
TIME HEARING
THE CICADAS
THIS YEAR.

THERE'S NOT
MUCH GREENERY
AROUND HERE.
SO I WONDER WHY
THEY'RE SINGING.



I PRACTICE
UNTIL NIGHT,
AND THEN GO
TO THE CLUB
TO SING.
IT'S A
REPEATING
CYCLE.

EVERY DAY
PASSES BY
SO FAST.



AMONG THE
DIFFERENT
SINGING
METHODS...

...I WAS
SURPRISED
TO DISCOVER
A NEW ME.

THE THREE
OF US HAVE
BEEN COMING
UP WITH AS
MANY SINGING
METHODS AS
WE CAN.

LITTLE
BY LITTLE,
I SAW
MYSELF...

...SEPARATING
FROM THE
RESTRICTIONS
OF OPERA
AND MOTHER'S
SINGING STYLE

Hello.
It's
Sho.



AMIDST THAT
REPETITION,
LITTLE BY LITTLE,
I STARTING TO
SEE A PART OF
MYSELF THAT
I HAVE NEVER
SEEN BEFORE.

I NEVER DARED
TO THINK THAT
MY DREAM OF
WANTING TO
BECOME HIS
DIVA COULD
COME TRUE IN
THIS FORM.

IKENDHATA
SEARCHED WITH
ME TO FIND
A NEW ME.







PRIDE 3



I BET YOU'RE ALWAYS
DIGNIFIED AND
WITHOUT A GUILTY
CONSCIENCE.

WITH HER GOOD
UPBRINGING,
SHE DOESN'T
KNOW HOW TO
SUSPECT OTHERS.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT
TO YOU IS TO
GO ON LIVING
WITH PRIDE.

I BET YOU
WERE LOVED
AND RAISED
PRECIOUSLY.



IT'S BETTER TO
BE REBUKED,
BLAMED,
TAUNTED,
ACCUSED,
ETC...

SO WHY
DON'T YOU
USE ME?

I DON'T
NEED IT!

I DON'T
NEED THAT
BEST OF
THING!

EVEN IF I BECOME
DIRTY, EVEN IF
I BECOME HATED,
I'LL BE THE ONE TO
WIN AND LAUGH
IN THE END.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

THAT'S
WHAT
I THINK.

THAT'S THE
ONLY WAY FOR
ME TO LIVE!





AS LONG
AS I CAN'T
DEFEAT HER,
THIS MISERY
WILL NEVER
DISAPPEAR.



NO MATTER HOW
MUCH TIME PASSES,
THE MISERY THAT
I TASTED THE FIRST
TIME WE MET WILL
NEVER DISAPPEAR.

MY MEANNESS
AND NASTINESS
TURN INTO
FURTHER MISERY.

I WISH
FOR HER
TO BECOME
SOILED...

I WISH FOR
HER TO BECOME
UNHAPPY AND CRY



Oh, no!
It's past 6!
I'd better
hurry up and
take a
shower...

I'm
sorry.
I'm in the
middle of
practice
right now.

I'll call
you back
later.



All
right.

Ah.



Go
ahead
and
take it.

I'm
sorry.



GLANCE 千早



I'm going
to borrow
your
bathroom.



Give me
fifteen
minutes.



KA-
CHAK!!

BUT...

IT'S CERTAIN
THAT MR. JINNO
LIKES SHIO.



...more
attractive
than
before.

I'M
HAPPY...



KEEPING IN
TOUCH WITH
EACH OTHER
LIKE THIS...

THEY MUST
BE MEETING
EACH OTHER
IN PLACES THAT
I DON'T KNOW
ABOUT.

SO IT
REALLY WAS
MR. JINNO..



ARIMORI...
HIS
SECRETARY?

ARE THEY CLOSE
ENOUGH FOR
HER TO GET
CALLS FROM HIS
SECRETARY?

THEY CAN'T BE
GOING OUT WITH
EACH OTHER,
RIGHT?

THOSE TWO DON'T
GIVE OFF THAT
KIND OF FEELING.



MOE AND I
WHO ARE
LIKE OIL
AND WATER...

IT WAS
IKENOHATA
WHO NEUTRAL-
IZED OUR
ANTAGONISTIC
RELATIONSHIP
AND RAISED US
TO HIGHER
HEIGHTS

I ACKNOWLEDGE
THAT IT WAS
BECAUSE OF MOE,
BUT...

...IKENOHATA
WAS THE ONE
WHO KEPT
DRAWING IT
OUT OF ME.

I DISCOVERED THE
JOY OF CREATION,
WHICH I DIDN'T KNOW
WHEN I JUST SANG
THE SONGS THAT WERE
PROVIDED TO ME.

I WANT TO
SING MORE
AND MORE.

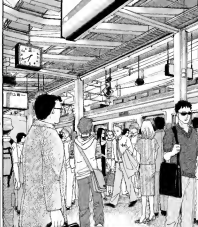
Thanks
for
teaching!

Hey, for that
first, how
about making
it like that?

You're
changing
it again?

WE THINK
OUR MUSIC
IS GOOD.
I WANT TO
FIND OUT
HOW FAR IT
WILL GO.

I KNOW
THAT IT'S SLY,
BUT I DON'T
WANT THESE
TWO TO KNOW
ABOUT MR. JINNO.





HIS
HAND...
...IS
TOUCHING
MY BARE
SKIN.

I CAN FEEL
HIS BODY
HEAT.



P-Please
don't!
I might
have been
mistaken.

If I shout,
Don't touch
my woman!
so much the
better.



If so,
then be
good
and
stay
still.

We have
to pass
two more
stations.



TH
THUMP
TH
THUMP

DON'T BE
NERVOUS.

YOU'RE
BEING TOO
CONSCIOUS
OF HIM.
THIS ISN'T
A BIG DEAL.



I EMBRACED
OTHERS AND
SANG...
...AND
PRESSED MY
CHEEK AGAINST
THEIRS...

THIS KIND OF
THING HAPPENED
OFTEN DURING
OPERA
PERFORMANCES





I NEVER FELT
AS NERVOUS
AS THIS!

BUT...



WHAT?

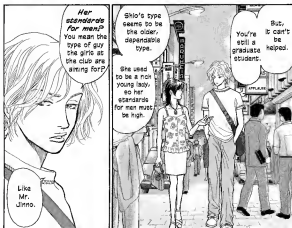
HMM...
SO THAT'S
HOW IT IS.







PRIDE 3





I DON'T
LIKE
MYSELF
WHEN I
DO THOSE
THINGS.

GETTING MY
HOPES UP,
ACTING
VAIN,
ACTING
JEALOUS...



I GET IRRITATED
AT MY OWN
FEELINGS.

SWAYED BY
THESE EMOTIONS, IT
FEELS LIKE I'LL LOSE
SIGHT OF MYSELF.
THAT SCARES ME.

FOR
ME...

ALL I
NEED ARE
SONGS...

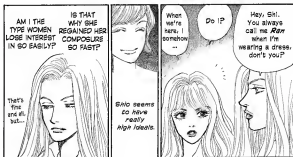


YES...

Songs are
amazing.
*When
you're happy,
they make
you happier.*

*When
you're sad,
they make
you forget
the pain.*





PRIDE 3





HE CAME
ALL THIS WAY,
SO WHY
DIDN'T HE
COME INSIDE
THE CLUB?

THAT WAS
DEFINITELY
MR. JINNO!

THE ONE
SITTING
IN THE
BACKSEAT
...!



ARE THOSE
TWO...

...SEEING EACH
OTHER...?

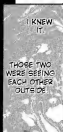


NO
WAY!

IS MR. JINNO
INVOLVED IN
HER STUDYING
ABROAD?



I KNEW THAT
MR. JINNO
WAS
INTERESTED
IN SHI.



I KNEW
IT.

THOSE TWO
WERE SEEING
EACH OTHER
OUTSIDE.



BUT,
SHI WASN'T
LIKE THAT.



This kind of thing should be given in person, shouldn't it?

Here. It's yours.

The ring was requested and delivered, but I wasn't in Tokyo.



I haven't told my father yet, but...
... I'll tell him that I received a ring.

Thank you.



IT'S PRETTY, BUT...

...IT'S SUCH A LARGE DIAMOND FOR ME TO WEAR EVERY DAY.



PRIDE 3





It was
very
good.
Especially
the harmonies.



I was truly
surprised when
I heard
your duet.
You two may
not get along,
but your
voices do.

I under-
stand
what
you're
saying.
Let's make
it public
once you've
quit working
at the club.

How
was it?



I completely
understand why
you caught
the eyes of
those people
from Kantou
NDB.
TV.

Though I
did think
it was
interesting.

The original
piece was
too avant-
garde and
playful.



It's one
segment of
a late night
variety show.
And if it's
music, there's
no telling
what could
happen.

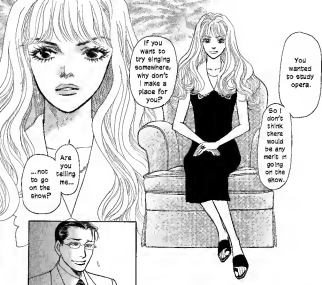
I found
out when
I received
the documents
today.

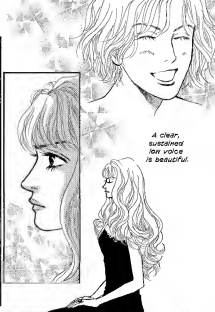
Queen
Record is also
involved
in the
planning
of that
television
program.



This is
just a
suggestion,
but..

Yes.









I want to
proudly say,
*This is
my song.*

To find
my own
song...
To
polish
myself...



...then
I cannot
meet your
expectations.
I'm returning
this to you.

If what you
desire is
for me to
follow in my
mother's
footsteps...



PRIDE 3





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DEAR FATHER,
HOW ARE YOU?



YOU MAY BE SURPRISED AT THE SUDDENNESS OF WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SAY, BUT...



REMEMBER WHEN I WROTE ABOUT MR. JINNO FROM QUEEN RECORD?
HE'S THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME TO *PRIMA DONNA*.



THE IMPRESSION
HIS FACE
MADE WHEN
I FIRST SAW IT...

I THOUGHT
HE WAS...
...SCARY...

...WAS LIKE
A SHARP
KNIFE.

*I'd appreciate
it if you
would return
that ring to me
only at a time
when I'm clearly
at fault.*



CONCRETE



NOTHING
CONCRETE
HAS BEEN
DECIDED YET.

IT'S BETTER
TO PUT IT OFF
FOR A LITTLE
LONGER.

IF I SUDDENLY
WRITE ABOUT
SOMETHING
LIKE THIS,
HE'LL SURELY
FORCE HIMSELF
TO RETURN
TO JAPAN.

FATHER
THINKS
I'M GOING
OUT WITH
KENOHATA.

IT'S TOO
ABNORMAL
FOR HIS FATHER
TO NOT EVEN
KNOW HIS
ADDRESS OR
INTERESTS.





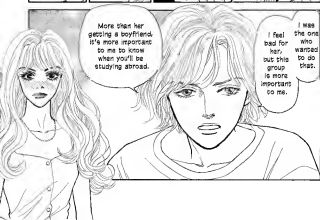
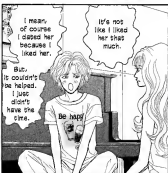
HE
WAS AT
PRACTICE
...

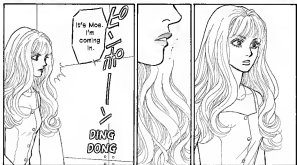
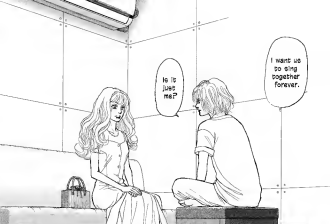


AM I...
...STRANGE?



PRIDE 3





The live performance is on a different day, but they want to record a video first!

He said to please be as Karbou next Saturday at 1!

Big news!
I just called Mr. Ikeda, the producer from Karbou TV.



ME, TOO?

OR, THAT FOREVER'S IMPOSSIBLE?

I WONDER WHICH ONE IT WAS...



COMET
That's she 17th!



Besides that, what's the song title?
Our group's name is GRM...

Uwas... There's no time...
I wanted to sneak it a bit more...



JUST NOW...

WHAT WAS I ABOUT TO SAY?





AHH...

AGAIN...

I DON'T
WANT TO
BE SWEEP
UP BY MY
EMOTIONS
LIKE THIS.

THEY'LL
ALWAYS
STAY IN
MY HEAD.

*I want us
to sing
together
forever.*

*Is it
just
me?*

THOSE WORDS
THAT I'VE
WANTED
TO HEAR.

WORDS THAT
I THOUGHT
I WOULD
NEVER HEAR.
NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
I DESIRED TO...

PRIDE 3



Yes,
she is.



She's softer...
Gelo's changed
somehow.



I KNEW
THE CUSTOMERS
HAD DISCERNING
EARS. BUT...

...STILL,
TO HAVE
AMATEURS
HEAR IT
SO CLEARLY...



THAT HONOR
STUDENT WAY
OF SINGING
HAS CHANGED
TO A SOFT,
FEMININE STYLE.



Oh my!
If you said
that to a
woman at
work, it'd
be sexual
harass-
ment!



Maybe
she's in
love.



You're right.
Before it was
just *good*.
It had no
charm.

Before
she was just
gorgeous,
but lately
there's a
shine to
her voice.

It's nice
to listen
to.





SHE'S UNDERLYING,
REAL SELF
HAS FINALLY
STARTED TO
COME OUT IN
HER VOICE.

IT'S FEMININE,
BUT NOT SHOWY.
I WONDER IF
SHE SINGS THIS
WAY DUE TO HER
TRUE NATURE.

THE SOUND
OF A CLEAR,
SOFT ALTO
SEAMLESSLY
ENTERS
MY HEAD.



IS IT
LOVE?



I'LL DO THAT,
SO BECOME
MORE WONDERFUL
AND GET ME LOTS
OF CHANCES.

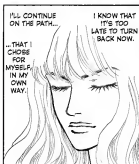
FINE.
I'LL USE YOU
LIKE YOU
ASKED.

THERE'S NO
OTHER WOMAN
MORE PERFECT
FOR BILLBOARDS
AND ADS.

BOTH YOU
AND YOUR
LOVE.



YOU'LL BE
STUDYING
ABROAD
ANYWAY, SO
I SHOULD USE
YOU AS MUCH
AS I CAN.





Ahhh!
Madam dislikes
them!
Exchange
them right
away!

Ahhh!
I said
no lilies!

Miss
Shigeko!
The
flowers
are here.



Miss Shigeko,
did you prepare
the fresh Komaki
snacks that
Takashi likes?

Yes, Madam.
It's a lot
hotter today,
so I've prepared
Kagizen sweet
bear jelly.



Ignoring
whatever
I say...
He's just
like you.

How
did he
get like
that?

He was
such a
good and
obedient
child.



Yes,
Takashi
always
liked that
in the
summer.



PRIDE 3





Our family built its fortune in the merchant marine business during the Kamakura Shogunate.

This is my parents' home.



I EXPECTED AS MUCH, BUT IT REALLY IS A HUGE ESTATE.



My name is Shigeko. Thank you for coming out in such heat. We welcome you.



We've been awaiting your arrival. Welcome back, Young Master.

My mother was taken care of by your company.

My grandfather founded a record company due to his interest in western culture.



Shigeko has lived here longer than me.



Nice to meet you. My name is Shio Agari.

Yes. She also came here many times.



AGAIN?

I am
Takashi's
father,
Eichi.
And this
is my wife,
Masako.

Pardon our
rudeness.
It's just
that you
look very
much like
an old
acquaint-
ance.





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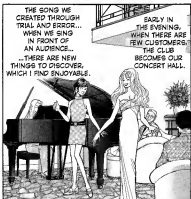
AS FOR THE PERSONALITY THAT I ADOPTED, I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF OTHER GIRLS BEING ENVOUS OF ME.

HIS COLD, CALM PERSONALITY IS ONE HE ADOPTED IN ORDER NOT TO BE SWEEPED AWAY WITHIN THAT HOME ENVIRONMENT.



THIS MAN WHO
CALLS MARRIAGE
A BUSINESS
TRANSACTION...

...AND WHO USES
CONDITIONS TO
DETERMINE THE
VALUE OF PEOPLE...



THE SONG WE
CREATED THROUGH
TRIAL AND ERROR...
WHEN WE SING
IN FRONT OF
AN AUDIENCE...

...THERE ARE NEW
THINGS TO DISCOVER,
WHICH I FIND ENJOYABLE.

EARLY IN
THE EVENING,
WHEN THERE ARE
FEW CUSTOMERS,
THE CLUB
BECOMES OUR
CONCERT HALL.

I FEEL LIKE
I'VE COME TO
UNDERSTAND
HIM A LITTLE BIT.



They're
singing so
enthusi-
astically
because
of the
recording
tomorrow.

My, my.
You're
with a
cute one
today.







PRIDE 3







I wonder
if it's
because
that part's
hard to
sing.

The lyrics
are hard
to hear.

IF I
WAS ME,
I'D WRITE
THAT
PART...
...LIKE
THIS.



WHEN
SHE'S
SINGING

WHEN
SHE'S
SINGING

NOT
AT ALL.



IT'S
ABOUT
THE
LAST
SONG...
—AND—
...THAT
PART.

SHE'S GOT AN
AMAZING EAR
AND AN
INCREDIBLE
MEMORY.



YOU'VE
GOTTA BE
KIDDING ME.

DON'T TELL ME
SHE REMEMBERED
IT AFTER HEARING
IT JUST ONCE?



RIGHT
?!



Yes...
If we write
it like that,
it *will* be
easier to
sing.

I certainly
panicked a
little when
I was half
a beat late
on that
part.

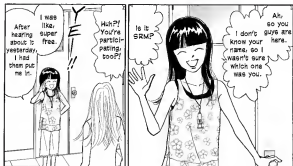


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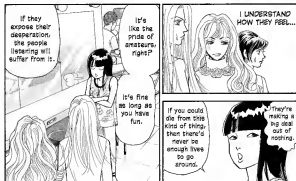


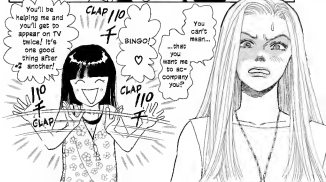
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There's no way he'll take you up on that offer!

A-Are you stupid?!

There's a limit to how shameless you can be!



Cut the crap! Who's stupid enough to arrange anything with a rival?!

I was just trying to work out an arrangement.

Yikes. You were great at the club, but now it's like you're a different person.

H-Hold it, Moe!



It's just a late night variety program. You should relax and have fun.

NO
PFT

Really? That's a bit exaggerated.





FLUSH

Moe!

Boop it, Moe! This doesn't look good!

Just a late night variety program, eh?

It might be nothing to you, but...



If you
just
came
here to
play,
then go
home!

This is
a really,
really
important
chance
for me!

Are Eiko...
you all
right?

Ow
ow
ow...

That
hurt

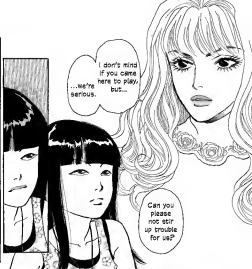
If Moe hadn't
slapped you,
I might have.

You
might not
understand
this, but...
...we're
desperate.

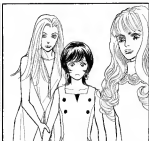
I got
slapped
and told
off. This
sucks.

This
totally
wasn't
worth
the
effort.

Eiko.



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Excuse me.
Can you
please give
us a minute?



There
are tons
of cables
and wires
on the
floor.

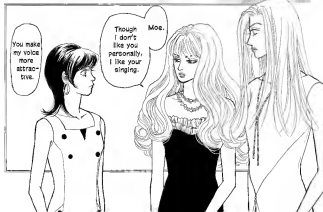
It's dark
inside,
so please
watch
your step.



MUMBLE
MUMBLE
MUMBLE

IT'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT FROM
SINGING AT
PRIMA DONNA.

IT'LL BE
BROADCAST
THROUGHOUT
THE COUNTRY!
LIKE HELL
I'LL MESS UP!



You make
my voice
more attrac-
tive.

Though
I don't
like you
personally,
I like your
singing.

Moe.



Sorry,
but it looks
like you'll
be acting
as my foil
today.

Let's
try
to get
along.



Those
are my
lines.

Please
make me
look better
again.



Likewise.

Just like
you told
me to,
I'll use
you.

Though
I hate
you...

...I feel
good
when
I sing
with you.







You'll have one rehearsal before we shoot the video.

OK! Next is 8PM! Please check your positions.

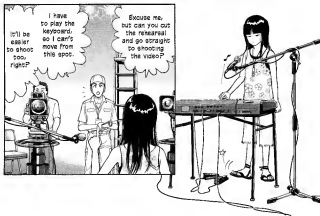
THEIR EXISTENCE IS MORE BELOVED TO ME THAN ANYTHING ELSE.

MY DIVAS.

YES. THIS GROUP IS A MIRACLE IN ITSELF.









IS SHE SERIOUS?

THE LYRICS SHE WAS WRITING DOWN IN EARNEST NOT TOO LONG AGO ARE ORIGINAL?

Anything goes. Besides, it sounds interesting.

OK OK

Sure. Do it however you like.



THAT BRAT'S CRAZY.

HOW IS THAT BEING SERIOUS?



I've somehow got the lyrics done, but the music is still a bit vague.

That's not it. I want to change the music I picked.

You What P? don't want to rehearse P



If that's how it's gonna be, I thought I'd get it right in one shot.

Even if I did it twice, I think it would come out differently each time.



I wrote the lyrics, so I'm not improvising.

OH-NO

WUH! You're going to improvise?!



Here we go! Five seconds to shooting!

Thanks a lot!

I need to concentrate, so please keep quiet.



I can't help
it if I cried,
so I'll put
on my shoes
and face
the wind...

Where
should I go?
Where do I go?
Someone
please tell
me where I
should go?

I want to
go to that
place that
I loved in
the past.

I want to
go back to
that time
when I was
happy.

Hey, isn't
this song
similar to the
one before?

I guess.
This one's
easier to
get into
though.

Don't
abandon
me in
this kind
of place.

Answer
me.
Accept me.

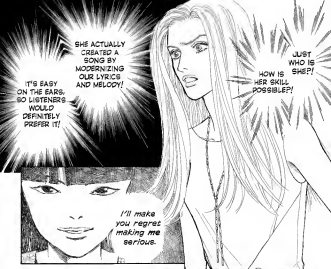
It's
probably
a coincidence.
Biko's good

The
lyrics are
different,
but the
content is
similar.

Call me,
and I'll
go back.

I love
you.
I'm
lonely.





SHE ACTUALLY
CREATED A
SONG BY
MODERNIZING
OUR LYRICS
AND MELODY!

IT'S EASY
ON THE EARS.
SO LISTENERS
WOULD
DEFINITELY
PREFER IT!

JUST
WHO IS
SHE?!

HOW IS
HER SKILL
POSSIBLE?!

*I'll make
you regret
making me
serious.*



She
really
got to us.
Elko's so
cute!

Aww!
She's
just like
a baby
bird!
It made
me feel
all singly
inside!

CLAP
110
CLAP
110
CLAP
110



I'm
Elko!

Thank
you!





It's been a while since I've played so seriously, so I'm pooped.

The judges will be comedians and celebrities.

I can't wait for the live broadcast.



I did it all in my head.

Dumb-ass.



You plagiarized.



It was hard work turning that egocentric piece into a joke.

Forgive me, OKP. I wanted to show you my talent.



I feel like my song is somewhat fundamentally wrong.

That's not the problem. There's no point if we don't win.

It's dramatic and tasteful. Your song will definitely get better reviews than here!

Ran's song is a masterpiece compared to that girl's song!



Everyone around me has a discerning ear, so I end up being conscious of that.

I can't just compose songs that will be well-received by other professionals.

If I think about it, the listeners will be mostly amateurs.



IT'S FINE IF IT'S JUST FOR FUN, BUT IF WE WANT TO BECOME PROFESSIONALS...

BUT... MR. JINNO IS A PROFESSIONAL AT SELLING MUSIC.



I WONDER IF THAT'S TRUE...

The original piece was too avant-garde and playful.

Though I did think it was interesting.



PRIDE 3

KENOHATA'S
DEPRESSED
STATE...

IT'S MY
FIRST TIME
SEEING
HIM LIKE
THIS.

Hey.
If you're
going to be
depressed,
do it after
the results
are out.

You're
right...

THAT'S
MOM!





IF ANYBODY
I KNOW
SEES IT...

...THEY'LL
TELL MOM.

IF I SHOW
UP ON TV,
MOM WILL
FIND ME.



FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN MY LIFE, I'M NOT
TROUBLED BY MONEY.

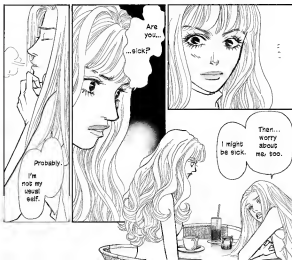
WHAT WILL
I DO IF SHE
GOES TO THE
TV STATION?

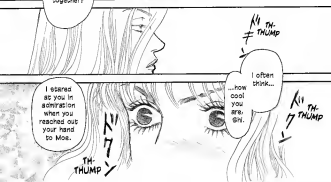
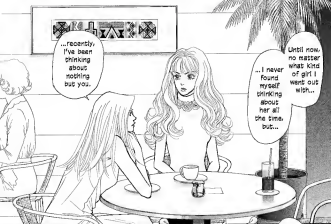
I CAN LIVE
WITHOUT BEING
SUBSERVIENT
TO ANYONE.

I DON'T WANT THAT...
I'M FINALLY LIVING
A PEACEFUL LIFE...

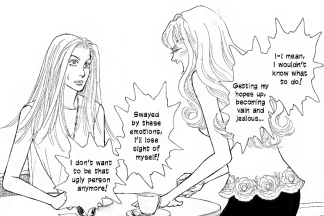


It's my
first time
seeing Moe
like that.
She was
acting
really
strangely.









I don't want
to be that
ugly person
anymore!

Swayed
by these
emotions,
I'll lose
sight of
myself!

Getting my
hopes up,
becoming
vain and
jealous...

I-I mean,
I wouldn't
know what
to do!



Too
honest
an
answer!

I gave
you my
honest
answer!



By
anyone
...
...you
mean
...?



Thank
you...
I'm
sorry...
I'm going
home!



Recently,
I've been
thinking
about nothing
but you.



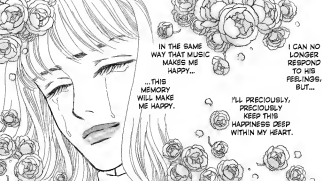
HE WAS
AWARE OF...

...MY
FEELINGS.

I'M SO
HAPPY...



Or
was I
dumped
...?



IN THE SAME
WAY THAT MUSIC
MAKES ME
HAPPY...

I CAN NO
LONGER
RESPOND
TO HIS
FEELINGS,
BUT...

...THIS
MEMORY
WILL MAKE
ME HAPPY.

I'LL PRECIOUSLY,
PRECIOUSLY
KEEP THIS
HAPPINESS DEEP
WITHIN MY HEART.



Yes.
The founder
and largest
shareholder
of Queen
Record.

My
grandfather
just passed
away.

Summers
and winters
are tough
on the
elderly,
but...
...his room
temperature
was always
kept the
same...



Hello, Shio
speaking

What?



I
WONDER
WHO'S
CALLING
...



We can hold our wedding ceremony after the first anniversary of his death has passed.

I'll be in mourning and making arrangements. I'll announce our engagement at the start of the New Year.

You'll have enough time as pray for my relatives with just the wedding ceremony.

No. You don't need to make an appearance yet.



I'll probably be appointed president around that time.



A LITTLE OVER FOUR MONTHS TO SING AT *PRIMA DONNA*...

IT'S A LITTLE OVER FOUR MONTHS UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR.

My deepest condolences.

I understand.

...AND PERFORM WITH SRM.





Why did you marry him?

Um... This has always been on my mind, but...

I didn't know any better, and I like good-looking men.



That's what everybody wants!

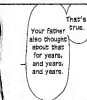
Don't say that!



You want to do what you want, plus be commercially successful. You're asking for too much.



If he would've chosen one or the other, things would've worked out.



That's true... Your father also thought about that for years, and years, and years.



Does that make sense?

A woman who doesn't want to be in love because she's afraid of feeling too high or too low...



Hey, um... Can I ask you something?



Whichever one it is, she must have a lot of pride.

If you mean Shio, then it's both.



I thought all women wanted to be in love.



Or maybe she experienced too much and learned her lesson?

Is it because she's too inexperienced?



Takashi! Over here!





PRIDE 3





I can't understand why Eiko and Shio want to be on that television show.

Sakai

But to have her debut on a variety show with women wearing swimsuits for no reason is...

I wanted her to compose for commercials, then music for dramas.



Why don't they just pick my music by listening to it? I didn't expect so many things would be going on behind the scenes.

Golf with the big shots from the TV station, right?

We'll be leaving at 5 AM tomorrow, so go to bed early.



I just thought it would be interesting.

Who cares?

It's not like I'm going to wear a swimsuit.

No... Even if I looked at Eiko in a swimsuit with the eyes of a parent, it's a little...

I'd be happy if it were a show...



Thank you very much.



If you promote her, using her looks and singing, she'll be Japan's diva in no time.

Hey, Takashi... Why aren't you promoting Shio?







Setting my
hopes up,
becoming
vain and
jealous

I don't
want to
be in
love!

...THAT WAS
THE SAME AS
CONFESSING.

IF I THINK
ABOUT IT...

EVEN IKENOHATA
WOULD FIGURE
IT OUT.



BUT IT'S AWKWARD
HAVING TO MEET
THE ONE WHO
DUMPED YOU.

GUESS
I SHOULD
ACT THE SAME
AS USUAL.



EVEN IF,
BY SOME
CHANCE,
MOM FINDS
ME...

IF I BEG
THEM NOT TO
TELL HER ABOUT
THIS CLUB OR
MY ADDRESS
UNDER ANY
CIRCUMSTANCES,
IT SHOULD BE FINE.

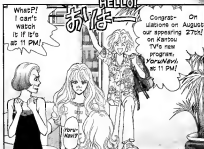


I DON'T
WANT TO
GIVE UP...

PRIDE 3



...I WON'T HOLD BACK ANYMORE.







I HAVE
TO SAY
IT.



I NO
LONGER
HAVE
TIME.

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I HAVE TO
TELL THEM
I'LL BE
QUITTING
THIS YEAR.



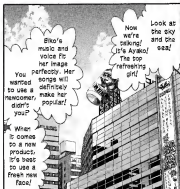
MY MARRIAGE
WILL CRUSH
IKENOHATA'S
DREAMS.



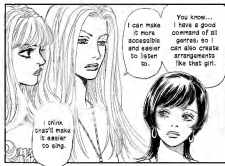
IF I SAY
I'M GOING
TO MARRY
MR. JINNO...

...GRM WILL
DEFINITELY
BE OVER.









PRIDE 3



I want to find out how far our music will reach.

Can I find a clear answer through that type of music?

Can that type of music utilize those skills?

The technique and power of expression that I spend so much effort to attain.



I agree. Sorry, but I only think about myself.

It would be disappointing to have a song that was made for me turned into a song anybody can sing.



That is why I'm singing this song.

I want to be able to say, *This is my song.*

I... want to be proud of myself.





I forgot the reason why I formed this group.

You're right. What was I worrying about? So stupid...

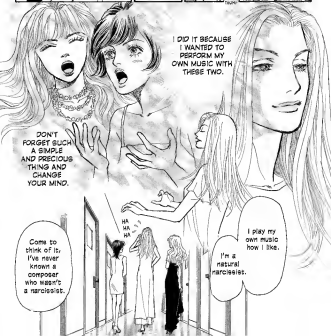


CHUCKLE



I'll call you fifteen minutes before showtime.

All right. Please wait in the dressing room until it's time for the live broadcast.



I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO PERFORM MY OWN MUSIC WITH THESE TWO.

DON'T FORGET SUCH A SIMPLE AND PRECIOUS THING AND CHANGE YOUR MIND.

Come to think of it, I've never known a composer who wasn't a narcissist.

HA HA HA

I play my own music how I like.

I'm a natural narcissist.



The Grand Prix winner will get to make their recording debut on Queen Record!

Winning five rounds against our opinionated and biased judges means winning the Grand Prix!

As long as it's original and self-performed, genre doesn't matter!

This is Yoru-Navi's S-1 Grand Prix!!



And the only decent composer here: *Mr. Kawachi Fujiwara!*

The gravure idol, *Shizuka Aida!*

The spiritual fortune-teller, *Ujiko Futogi!*

Our guest judges are, the band, *Shatters!*



Ms. Azuma. Why don't we wait while we watch Elko's performance?

This is the new hero idol, western Masamune!



OK! First off, entry number 1!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

After three years of perseverance, this is their last chance! *Ganda!*



URK...



CHUCKLE

I just thought that the program wasn't one suitable for *Senshi Kikara's* daughter to appear on.





With those judges, they might just end up falling asleep.

If you're after me, your complex music will sound even more torturous.

It'd be better if you guys were up before me.



We came to have fun.

Our goal isn't to win.

We're not here to perform for the judges, so it's fine.

BANG!
BANG!



She wants to enter an age-guessing quiz show! It's Eiko from Namba!

Entry number 3!

CLAP
NO
CLAP
NO
CLAP

She's really doing it.



What she...? You guys recovered already? How boring.

SHIM



The commercial's over.

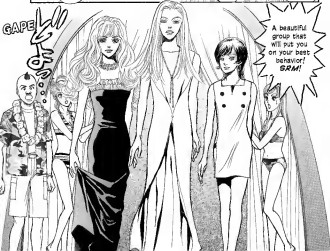


PRIDE 3





PRIDE 3





A
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It's
so
cool!

More like
a violin
and cello.

Whoa...
Amazing
...

It
doesn't
sound like
human
voices.

What
is this?

What?
This
harmony...

GAPE

*I strain
my ears...
beyond
the wind...*

*A nostalgic
voice that
I heard
somewhere
before...*

*Far, far,
far away...*

*A voice
I heard calling
me some
time ago...*

THIS KIND
OF SONG.
THE AVERAGE
LISTENER
WOULD NEVER
LIKE IT.

I'm a
total
fan!

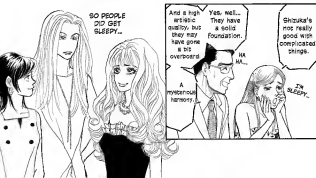
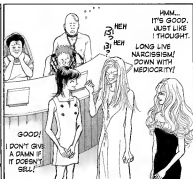
Damn!
Rather
than good,
they're
cool!

perfect
for a
mass
festival!

It's
like the
wind's
crying!

MINE'S THE
ONE THAT'S
MARKETABLE
AND WILL
SELL A LOT.

PRIDE 3





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PRIDE 3 END

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